

Eugene Police Department Commendations

March 2019



The Eugene Police Department received 22 commendations from citizens in March, 2019. Below is a sample of those commendations.

- A citizen commended an officer for their "stellar" work in leading a program to alleviate the burden that abandoned motorhomes have not only placed on the city, but also to the rotation of tow companies that are called upon to remove them. In most cases, this has incurred excess costs and a loss of revenue for the tow companies. The citizen commented, "I can't say enough about (officer's name) ability to spearhead this effort. I think this is extremely serving and caring for both the public and the tow companies." The citizen further stated, "He just seems to be stellar in his work."
- Officers were commended by a citizen for the caring and professionalism displayed when they responded to a call involving a young lady's attempt to be hit by passing cars in an intersection. The citizen commented, "The first officer that showed up was so very patient and kind to her. She sat in the traffic lane and he did everything he could do to get her to voluntarily get out of the road. Other officers also showed up and I was amazed at how they tried to help her." The citizen further stated, "These officers took the time to speak kindly to this woman and attempt to get her help instead of just rushing in and arresting her."
- A citizen commended an officer for the compassion shown when the citizen's family experienced the tragic loss of one of their family members. The citizen commented that the officer was "absolutely wonderful, supportive and kind" during the entire tragedy. The citizen further stated, "Despite the outcome, the family is very thankful that (officer's name) was there."
- An officer was commended by a citizen for the "kindness and compassion" displayed when the citizen had been the recipient of racially disparaging remarks from another involved citizen during a 'Disorderly Conduct' incident downtown. The officer was able to provide the citizen a resource to reach out for assistance related to the event. The citizen felt that the incident was "very disturbing" and the officer's "kindness" was able to positively help the citizen in dealing with the situation.
- A citizen that recently had the opportunity to accompany an officer on a ride-along, commended the officer for the positive experience. The citizen commented, "I was honored and what a privilege to go on my first ride-along last night. This man was truly an awesome representative of law enforcement at

its finest." The citizen further stated, "We went on several calls and I was able to watch other officers doing their jobs. The teamwork and trust they have in each other reminded me of my days in the Marine Corps. Thank you again for the ride-along and the amazing officers and staff at EPD."

- An officer was commended by a citizen for their professionalism during a recent 'Domestic Dispute' call for service. The citizen commented, "I would like to commend your fellow (officer's name) for being professional, and easy to talk to when I gave a witness statement to him yesterday."
- A citizen commended officers for their response to a call for service at a local school where a student had been aggressing towards staff. The student had also been repeatedly kicking a door, in an attempt to get into a classroom where other students were. Officers arrived and were able to diffuse the situation. The citizen commented, "(Officer's name) was extremely compassionate, sensing my distress, and assisted in calming me so that I could provide clear and articulate answers to his questions. (Officer's name) was also attentive to ensure that I, nor another involved staff member, required medical attention. I felt listened to, respected and unrushed throughout the process." The citizen further stated, "This is yet another example of the positive partnership we have with the Eugene Police Department."
- A community service officer was commended by a citizen for the

presentation the officer recently gave on personal safety at the citizen's workplace. The citizen was very appreciative and commented, "The residents were fortunate to have had someone with your professional expertise and credentials to conduct the workshop. You engaged your audience, had a great sense of humor, and answered all questions. I have received positive feedback from the attendees. Your friendly manor [sic] and knowledge of the subject matter made for a successful evening."

- A citizen commended the officers that responded to a call for service where the citizen was the victim during a 'Hit and Run' incident. Officers responded and assisted by taking a report and informing the citizen of the next steps. The citizen commented, "They were both professional, caring, helpful and handled the situation in a way that went well beyond what I expected." The citizen further stated, "I am appreciative of all that you do for the citizens of our community."
- Officers were commended by a citizen for their professionalism during a recent traffic stop. Officers stopped the citizen because it was identified that the vehicle the citizen was driving was possibly stolen. Even though this turned out to not be the case, the citizen was very impressed by the officers' demeanor while going through the process in validating ownership. The citizen commented, "They did a really good job on just being thorough and not jumping to conclusions. It ended up not being a big deal."

- A citizen commended a community service officer for their act of kindness in assisting the citizen when they had been shoveling snow and stopped for a moment due to running out of breathe. The officer witnessed this, got out their vehicle and shoveled the citizen's driveway so they could get their car out. The citizen was in awe by the officer's actions and commented, "He's a good guy!"
- A citizen commended detectives that investigated a case involving the death of their son. During the trial, the citizen gave an impact statement that acknowledged both detectives. The citizen recognized and sincerely appreciated their "dedication to justice" for their son's death and also spoke to their hard work during the case.